

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION  
FOR FORESTERS**

**Board Meeting: April 13, 2005**

**Minutes Approved by Board on July 15, 2005**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at the Office of the Division Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

**The following Board members were present:**

John W. Mixon, Chairman and Forester  
James Fred Allen, Forester  
John Britt, Forester  
W. Dale Greene, Forester  
Fred W. Greer, Jr., Consumer Member

**Others present:**

Gwyn H. Ridley, Executive Director  
Marie S. Urquhart, Board Secretary  
Patricia Downing, Board Attorney

Chairman Mixon established a quorum was present at 9:30 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

The Board held a public hearing at 9:35 a.m. regarding adoption of the proposed amendments to Rule 220-2-.03 – Registration by Endorsement. No written comments were received and no interested party attended the hearing. The public hearing was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The Board meeting was reconvened at 9:40 a.m. by Chairman Mixon. Mr. Greer made a motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Rule 220-2-.03. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. Members Allen, Britt, Greene, Greer, and Mixon voted to adopt the rules as posted. (See Attachment #1.)

Mr. Greene made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2005 meeting. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Allen made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A.43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigative matters and to receive an investigative report. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included Board Members Allen, Britt, Greene, Greer, and Mixon. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

**Applications:**

Applications were presented for the Board's review. Mr. Britt made a motion to approve the following applications for licensure, examination, and reinstatement that met certification requirements. Mr. Greer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The following applicants were **approved** for Licensure:

License #	Name	Date	Method
RF002758	Warren Lawrence Duncan	4/13/2005	Reciprocity
RF002759	James Christopher Dunsmore	4/13/2005	Examination

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RF002760	Scott Walter Gies	4/13/2005	Examination
RF002761	Jason Paul Gillis	4/13/2005	Examination
RF002762	John Bell Hane	4/13/2005	Reciprocity
RF002763	Justin Reid Hilton	4/13/2005	Reciprocity
RF002764	Jason Elliot McCannon	4/13/2005	Examination
RF002765	Charles C. Osborne	4/13/2005	Examination
RF002766	Joseph Charles Sewell	4/13/2005	Examination
RF002767	Levi Walter Smith, IV	4/13/2005	Examination

The following applicant was **approved** for Examination:

Todd Eric Berman

The following applicants were **approved** for Examination and Licensure:

Matthew Thomas Dykes  
Matthew Dean Wilson

The following applicant was **approved** for Licensure pending passing the Forester Examination:

Ned Dean Neenan

The following applicant was **approved** for reinstatement of license:

Thomas Michael Reed      #RF001265

**Roy E. Leach:** The Board reviewed a request for a waiver of continuing education requirements. Mr. Greer made a motion to disapprove the request for a waiver, to refer the licensee to Rule Chapter 220-4, and request supporting documentation of individual hardship or health. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Examination Report:**

The Board reviewed the January 12, 2005 examination results and noted August 10, 2005 as the date of the next examination.

**Investigative Report:**

The Enforcement Committee reviewed the status of open cases.

**Robert L. Parker:** The Board voted to accept a signed Interim Consent Order. Mr. Greene made a motion to accept the signed Interim Consent Order. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Board Attorney's Report:**

The Board Attorney updated the Board on the status of a case referred for action.

**Executive Director's Report:**

The Executive Director updated the Board on the following items:

- Newsletter
- Number of Active Licensees

**Correspondence, Written Requests, Inquiries and Information Items:**

The Board reviewed the Board Cost versus Revenue Analysis for FY 2003 and FY 2004.

The Board reviewed other miscellaneous correspondence and information that did not require a vote or action.

**ASBORG:** The Board reviewed correspondence regarding the annual meeting in May. Mr. Greene made a motion to select Charlie Bonner Jones as the Board's delegate to attend the meeting. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Other Business:**

Mr. Britt and Mr. Greene gave a committee report on the review of continuing education requirements.

Mr. Greene distributed a presentation over-viewing the Board's function for use by Board members at speaking engagements.

Mr. Greene reported on the March 30, 2005 presentation given by the Georgia State Board of Landscape Architects regarding legislation passed in 2003 (HB285) that amended the Georgia Erosion and Sediment Control Act.

The Board discussed changing the July 13, 2005 meeting. They agreed to change the meeting date to July 15, 2005.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Marie S. Urquhart

Recorded by Board Secretary

Gwyn H. Ridley

Reviewed by Executive Director

John W. Mixon

Chairman

Mollie L. Fleeman

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Attachment #1

April 13, 2005

Foresters Board Minutes

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS  
RULES FOR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS CHAPTER 220-2**

**RULE 220-2-.03 REGISTRATION BY ENDORSEMENT. AMENDED**

**RULE 220-2-.03 is amended.**

Purpose: Re-inserts sentence removed during last revision.

Main Features: Specifies that an applicant for registration by endorsement must have a current registration in another jurisdiction.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS  
RULES FOR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS- AMENDED 220-2-.03**

**[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]**

**220-2-.03** Registration by Endorsement. Amended.

(1) The Board may waive the examination requirements for an applicant who has been registered for a minimum of five years in another jurisdiction as a registered forester provided that the requirements and qualifications for licensing and registration under the laws of the jurisdiction are substantially equivalent to those of Georgia, and the applicant has been in good standing with the jurisdiction for the entire period of licensure or registration. In order to be eligible for registration by endorsement, the applicant must hold a current registration as a registered forester in another jurisdiction.

(2) The applicant shall complete and submit an Application for Licensure by Endorsement with all attachments.

(3) A license issued by endorsement is at the sole discretion of the Board and if issued, shall be subject to all provisions of this part governing expiration, renewal, fees, continuing education, sanctions, revocation and any and all other provisions of law and rules governing or relating to foresters.

Authority O.C.G.A. 12-6-47 and 12-6-54.

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**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING  
OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

Comes now John W. Mixon, the presiding officer

identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all over aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On April 13, 2005 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.

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4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:

OCGA 43-1-2 (k); 43-1-19(h)

5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:

RECEIPT OF AND DELIBERATIONS REGARDING APPLICATIONS
AND APPLICATION INFORMATION AND DELIBERATIONS
REGARDING INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT MATTERS;
RECEIPT OF THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

John W. Mixon  
PRESIDING OFFICER

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

This 13<sup>th</sup> day of April , 2005

Marie S. Urquhart  
Notary Public